

PERMITS AND LICENSES

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The permittee or licensee is required to respect all prior rights when diverting water under a right.

The permittee is required to make progress reports showing use of water being made under the proposed project.

After the permittee has reported completion to the Board by means of an annual report or otherwise, the Board will inspect the project.

If the inspection indicates that beneficial use of water has been made in accordance with the law and the permit terms to the extent desired by the permittee, a license may be issued. A license confirms and documents the use of water made under the laws governing appropriation of water in the state of California.

The license (an appropriative water right) has no time limit and continues as long as proper use is made of the water. Statutes provide that under certain conditions this right may be lost after a three-year period of nonuse.

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